

2021 School & District Accountability

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This Year – No New Star Ratings

- **2020-21 Data:**
 - Concern over validity of aggregate score meaning given changes in participation and enrollment
 - Differences in reporting or definitions for attendance and suspension
- **Instead:**
 - Focus on support and transparency
- School and LEA identifications maintained from 2019

Timeline of ESSA Accountability during COVID-19

2020

- All states waived accountability and state assessments due to COVID-19
- RIDE developed an LEA accountability system which generally matches school accountability and includes new systems for district-level support

2021

- Initially states were allowed to submit temporary addendums to their ESSA state plans
- Later states were encouraged to request waivers for accountability; RIDE requested and received approval for an ESSA accountability waiver in June
- State assessments were still required

2022

- RI will incorporate science proficiency and the Seal of Biliteracy into our accountability system
- This is also an opportunity to make any other needed changes given COVID-19 or otherwise



2021 Accountability Reporting – A Data Story

- No Star Chart, **indicators reordered as themes** around this year
- **Additional information** such as learning mode, more detail on test participation, etc
- Diploma Plus and Graduation measures calculated as usual

Data Validation

- Diploma Plus validation in late September or early October
- No Accountability Assessment validation this year

Questions?



Appendix



What is the Commissioner's Seal measure?

The Commissioner's Seal measure reports the percentage of high school graduates who **demonstrate high school proficiency in both math and ELA**.

Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency on any approved assessment.

Approved Commissioner's Seal Assessments	
ELA	Math
SAT	
PSAT 10 & PSAT NMSQT	
ACT	
For Class of 2018, PARCC	
AP: English Language and Composition	AP: Calculus AB & BC
AP: English Literature and Composition	AP: Statistics



What is the Postsecondary Success measure?

The Postsecondary Success measure reports the proportion of high school graduates who **earn a credential beyond a high school diploma.**

Includes a small bonus for students who earn 2, or 3+ credentials, to encourage schools to keep going after the first credential.

All credentials are treated equally.

Credentials included:

College Credit

AP Credit

Industry-
Recognized CTE
Credentials

IB Credit

